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Proclamation of the Governor Appointing a Day of Thanksgiving.

Executive Department, Columbus, November 1st, 1861.

Parliament to the General Assembly of this State, and in accordance with my own sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the bountiful mercies which he has bestowed upon the people of Ohio, I do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, instant, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Him for the inestimable privileges of our Civil and Religious Institutions, for protecting our homes from the ravages of war, and for the manifold blessings, individual and social, which surround and support us; and I respectfully urge upon all the people, that they refrain from their usual employments on that day; and, in their places of public worship, and at their homes, with grateful acknowledgments, offer fervent prayers to our Heavenly Father, that he may continue to remember us in His mercy; remove the calamities of civil strife which afflict the Nation; restore concord between the States, confirming and perpetuating our political Union; and securing to us and to our posterity the privileges and advantages which distinguish a Christian people.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, this 1st day of November, in the year of our Lord 1861, of the independence of the United States the 85th, and of the organization of Ohio the 59th.

WILLIAM DENNISON.

By the Governor, ANTHONY F. RUSSELL, Sec'y of State.

The Rebels Dissatisfied.

While here at the North, there are strong symptoms of growing hostility to the present Federal Administration, on the part of those who recently made an unquestioning support of that Administration identical with loyalty to the Government, it ought to afford both consolation and encouragement to loyal Union men, that the rebels are beginning to grow still more justly at the management of those to whom they have entrusted the direction of affairs in the new, experimental Southern Confederacy.

Many of the Southern journals, it may be judged from the articles in the rebel press, which reach us from time to time, are even more bitter in their tirades against the administration of Jeff. Davis than are the radical Abolitionist journals of the North. The rebel press is incessant in their demands for a forward movement. They urge that the Confederate authorities shall change the war from a merely defensive to an offensive one, and immediately plan and carry into effect an invasion of the Northern States.

The complaint is general and loud at the South that the Confederate Government, in both its civil and military departments, is too slow in its operations, and does not follow up the advantages it has gained, so as to afford the least prospect of bringing the war to a speedy and successful close. There is, in fact, according to many leading, influential rebel presses, gross mismanagement and incompetency everywhere manifested in the public service. These things lead to gloomy forebodings of defeat and an ignominious submission eventually to the strong arm of Federal power.

These facts admonish Union men that they should exercise patience. If they remain firm and united, changes may, in a short time, be wrought in the South, that may do more for the Union cause than an invading army of five hundred thousand men. The rebels may soon realize that the new government they have set up is worse than the one they have repudiated; and that if the latter scourged them with whips, the former is tormenting them with neoplasms. Having launched upon the tempestuous sea of revolution and anarchy, there is no telling where they may land. Current revolutions may follow, and the new rebel government may be overthrown by the very men who aided in giving it birth.

We would not have the Federal Government relax one iota of its efforts to "crush out the rebellion"; but we would have the discontented and fretful among us remember that there may be causes at work which may do more for the accomplishment of that end than all the military and naval power of the Government. Let us all exercise patience, hope, courage, with unswerving fidelity to the Constitution, and the Union cause will be triumphant.

Army Contrabands.

One of the serious charges made on by Adjutant General Thomas, against Gen. Fremont, reads as follows:

"Contrabands, it will be seen, were given to individuals without restriction, to advertisements for bids, as is required by the law and the army regulations." It is the certification of this officer that he presented into his office of the Commissary at this post, he would have found that there were no advertisements for bids as is required by the law and the army regulations. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property, such as bacon, pork, groceries, etc., have been brought private sale; an agent in some cases, if not in all, buying from the merchants and making out bills in his own name to the Government. This was practiced by the late Commissary, and the system, we understand, is continued by his successor. Why is this not inquired into by the practice in violation of the law and the army regulations? We are not to be understood as justifying the violations of the law in the Western Department. On the contrary, we cannot but be too strongly condemned. But we do think it quite as essential that the army regulations should be observed by officers in Cincinnati as in St. Louis. While, therefore, the War Department is making such a fuss about St. Louis, it may as well grant a very much diminished public, by inquiring into the mode of doing business here—Cin. Gaz.

In the army appropriation bill, passed March, 1859, it is especially provided that all contracts for the army should be let to the lowest bidder, and in pursuance of a published notice. This provision of the law, like many others, has been disregarded.

Patentee McDowell. Major Malcolm McDowell, Paymaster in the United States Army, was in the city yesterday on his way to his headquarters at Columbus, for the purpose of paying off two regiments of United States troops quartered there, and also those of the three months' men who have not yet been paid. The reason for his long absence is, that being ordered to Louisville to pay off two regiments he found matters in such a state that he was detained two weeks beyond his allotted time. As soon as he completes his business at Columbus he will return to Cincinnati, and will go with the three months' men here. He left on the train last evening for Columbus—Cin. Gaz.

We have no doubt from what we have heard that there are several if not more, looking anxiously for Paymaster McDowell.

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